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A vital contribution

The Armed Services Blood bank technician Army Sgt. Derick Williams, left, draws blood from Senior Airman Christian Delgado, 62nd Logistics Readiness Squadron. McChord was host Tuesday to the Operational Blood Donation Drive that will ensure an abundant blood supply is available to military personnel serving overseas. The Armed Services Blood Program supplies blood and blood products for 1.3 million service members and their families across the nation and around the globe. (Information courtesy of www.militaryblood.dod.mil)

Senior NCO Symposium Monday

By

Tyler Hemstreet
Staff writer

Nearly 70 master sergeant-selects will gather Monday at Bldg. 1145 for the wing's annual Senior Noncommissioned Officer Symposium.

The four-day symposium closes with a medallion ceremony and induction dinner on Friday at the McChord Clubs and Community Center.

The purpose of the course is to expose the master sergeant-selects to a wide variety of subjects to further develop knowledge gained via primary military education and daily work experiences and to provide an informative look at their new roles and

responsibilities, said event co-facilitator Master Sgt. Lorenzo Jones, 62nd Logistics Readiness Squadron.

"As the Air Force changes, procedures change, [teaching] tools change — it's a constant evolutionary process when it comes to teaching senior NCOs to become better leaders," Sergeant Jones said.

The symposium will feature various senior NCOs who will speak on a variety of topics such as enlisted heritage, ethics and core values and discipline.

"This year I was overwhelmed by the number of volunteers who wanted to speak — it was a great outpouring of support," Sergeant Jones said.

Senior Master Sgt. Tommy Key, 62nd Comptroller Squadron, who will speak about discipline, said he's anxious to pass on the mentor-

ship that has been passed down to him throughout his career.

"I'm going to make it fun," Sergeant Key said. "You don't always have to drop the hammer on someone when it comes to discipline. You have to use the right tool for the right situation."

The master sergeant-selects will benefit from the plethora of leadership experience the guest speakers bring to the table, Sergeant Jones said.

He also acknowledged that while there may be some nervous Airmen sitting in the audience on first day, it will likely benefit them throughout the week.

"They're taking a major step," Sergeant Jones said. "A little bit of trepidation isn't bad. They should embrace it."

Career job reservations available for all reenlisting Airmen

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Air Force officials announced fiscal 2008 will start without any restrictions on first-term Career Job Reservations for enlisted specialties.

Most years Airmen compete for a limited number of jobs within their Air Force specialty codes, but this year, Air Force officials expect to meet enlisted authorized end strength through normal attrition.

"For the first time in four years, Airmen will not have to compete for the privilege of reenlisting in their specialty code," said Chief Master Sgt. Christine Williams, chief of the Air Force Personnel Center enlisted skills management branch here. "However, commanders will still enforce quality standards before making Airmen eligible to reenlist."

Effective Oct. 1, all first-term Airmen selected by their commanders

as eligible to re-enlist under the Selective Reenlistment Program will receive a CJR once they enter the first month of their reenlistment eligibility window. Aside from the fact there will be no waiting lists, Airmen will not notice any difference from previous years. The automated processing will continue to notify Airmen of their career job reservations anytime they become eligible during their reenlistment window, even

though there are no restrictions.

Enlistment extensions will have no impact on an Airman's CJR eligibility window. Eligibility windows are 35-38 months for National Call to Service enlistees, 35-43 months for four-year enlistees and 59-67 months for six-year enlistees.

The CJR program will run unrestricted unless Air Force officials need to make enlisted force adjustments to meet authorized strength levels.

Weekend Weather

FRIDAY



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SATURDAY



FOG

Hi: 63

Low: 45

SUNDAY



FOG

Hi: 64

Low: 48

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Total McChord sorties13,523
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Mission capable rate83.7%
Personnel currently deployed495
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(Jan. 1 to Wednesday. Numbers updated Wednesday.)

Don't miss it ...

Wing Fun Run

There will be a fun run at 3 p.m. Friday at the base track.

Airmen make our AF the finest in the world

By
Col. Shane Hershman
62nd Airlift Wing vice commander

I wanted to take a moment to highlight what you as Airmen are doing each and everyday for the United States Air Force and your country. The Air Force's number one priority is to Fight and Win the Global War on Terror, and also be prepared for the next war. Our nation demands that we are ready for the defense of the nation now and in the future.

Today we have 38,000 Airmen deployed around the world and 27,000 are deployed in the CENTCOM AOR. We fly 250 sorties daily in Iraq and Afghanistan and in the past year flew over 80,000 sorties. AMC on average has a mobility aircraft taking off or landing every 90 seconds and this

equates to 200 sorties moving over 1,000 tons of cargo and 2,500 passengers daily.

The Air Force has been engaged in Combat Operations for 17 years and we have the most combat-tested force ever in our history. We have just celebrated our 60th anniversary, and when you consider Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, Gulf War, OEF and OIF, to name a few, you are battle tested just like the Airmen that came before you. We have members on McChord AFB that have been awarded the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart to name only a few.

You are part of a force that our adversaries fear. Any target is at risk with our lethal combination of air and space power capabilities. You provide our nation with unmatched Global Vigilance, Global Reach and Global

Power. AMC provides operational reach for the deployment and employment of the joint combat team, and at the same time we can provide humanitarian relief anywhere in the world. It is safe to say that we have a McChord aircraft operating on every continent, as we are currently supporting the National Science Foundation with Operation Deep Freeze.

Every member of Team McChord contributes in making the USAF the finest fighting force the world has ever known. We could not accomplish what we do every day as an installation without our partners in the 446 AW, WADs and our civilians. Deployed or at home station, you are enabling the mission of the 62 AW, AMC and the USAF that is essential to Joint operations worldwide, and everyone is part of that number one priority to Fight and Win the Global War on Terror. Thank you for what you do each and every day.



Col. Shane Hershman, 62nd Airlift Wing vice commander.

History shows wars are ongoing, stay the course

By
Col. James Weber
62nd Maintenance Group commander

Fortiter et audacter....

I'm staring at a the inscription on an old German beer stein nestled amongst the military memorabilia in my office. Fortiter et audacter...Strongly and boldly when translated from it's original Latin. I'm writing this (and struggling for words) on the day before the sixth anniversary of the tragic terror attacks carried out by Muslim extremists against New York and Washington. The images still grip me, and like the vast majority of Americans, I will never forget where I was that day. It's very much like the recollections my parents had of the start of World War II...

For whatever reason, people tend to draw comparisons with the current war on terrorism and WWII, and you often hear it stated that that if 9/11/01 were the "Pearl Harbor" of our generation, then "our WWII" should have ended in the late Spring of 2006. Essentially, they are saying for us at this time it is we are in 1946, and that in 1946 all was calm in the world. Such is the convenient Alzheimer's of hindsight, or possibly it's just a way of trying to make themselves believe peace is right around the corner. Whatever the reason, it's time for a history lesson.

While unconditional surrenders were indeed signed in 1945 ending the conflicts on two fronts, WWII really didn't end, it merely changed in scope and complexity. For example, the ink had not dried on the surrender documents signed that May before the true goals of Soviet hegemony come to the forefront. In Europe, the

face off with the Soviet Union began in earnest that summer, as the Conference at Potsdam drew and quartered Germany and Austria, and helped speed the descent of the iron curtain between east and west. So instead of our troops returning home in victory in massive numbers, each Soldier, Sailor, or Marine was assigned "points" based on their time in theater, combat engagements, and wounds received, to establish their place in the redeployment queue. Those tens of thousands remaining in theater were there ostensibly to act as an occupation force to prevent the resurgence of a German military or buildup of a Nazi resistance movement. The reality of the situation was they were there to prevent Stalin's armies from gobbling up the rest of Europe. And so began the faceoff between East and West leading up the Soviet

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Professionals
of the week

62nd Operations Support Squadron


Airman 1st Class Peter Cramer

Duty title:
Aircrew life support journeyman

Duty section:
Aircrew flight equipment

Hometown:
Portland, Ore.

Why he's great:
Airman Peter Cramer has been assigned to the Aircrew Flight Equipment section for 18 months. Within 60 percent of the allotted time he aggressively completed all training requirements for upgrade to five skill level. He conducted more than 3,000 aircrew safety gear inspections and has maintained a 95 percent error-free rate which surpassed the average rate for an apprentice in training status. Due to the merger of the Aircrew Life Support and Survival Equipment career fields Airman Cramer was selected as one of the first technicians to participate in the Cross Utilization Training (CUT). He again showed his exceptional grasp of technical procedures by completing all required training in less than four months.




Airman 1st Class Alana Zautner

Duty title:
Air traffic controller

Duty section:
Air traffic control tower

Hometown:
San Bernardino, Calif.

Why she's tops:
Airman Zautner demonstrates professionalism and dedication on a daily basis. Recently, she attained her Control Tower Operator's license after nine months of intense on-the-job training. She played with and coached the 62nd OSS basketball team, leading the team in scoring. Airman Zautner is the true epitome of "service before self." She has found the time to donate off-duty hours to Airmen Against Drunk Driving, the Washington State Soccer Association and Premier Football League, as well as the 62nd OSS Children's Halloween Party. Airman Zautner has also donated many hours to base beautification with the clean-up of Heritage and Holiday Parks. She provided assistance to Hurricane Katrina victims and assisted a Lifeflight helicopter with a critical patient on-board through congested airspace.



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Crime, cost, computer security

Don't put yourself at risk, know the rules of engagement

By

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and

Mrs. Audrey Dubay

62nd Communications Squadron

This year, nine airmen deployed to U.S. Central command areas of operations were given Article 15s for proxy server violations. A staff report this year noted four staff sergeants and five senior airmen were punished with the loss of stripes, suspended reductions and \$4,960 in forfeited pay as a warning to airmen.

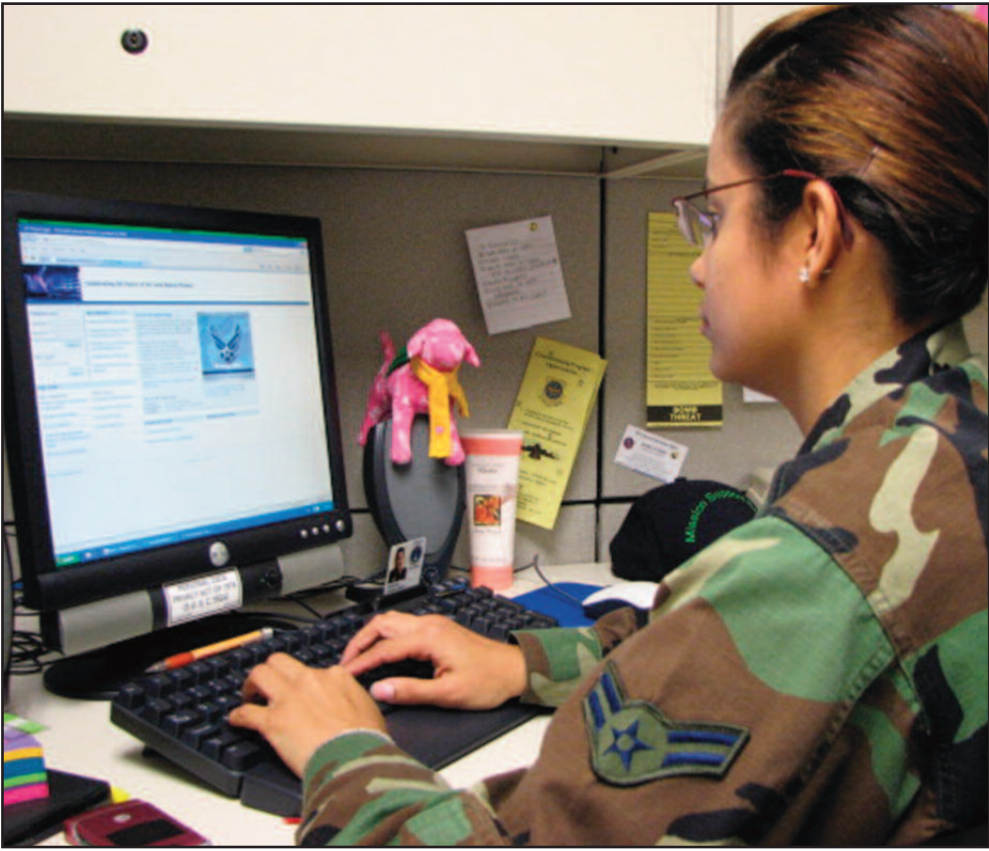
Breaking computer security measures can have serious consequences to our folks and to our network. Use of proxy sites slows network performance, bypasses network security measures and puts sensitive data at risk by allowing spyware to be downloaded onto government computers. Internet activity is monitored daily by our network control center and negative reports are briefed daily to the 62nd Communications Squadron commander. Do not use proxy servers to access blocked sites.

While surfing unauthorized sites while deployed is severely punished,

accidentally donating your government laptop to your TDY hotel or losing your thumb drive on the way home can be dangerous and costly. According to Symantec, the theft or loss of a computer or other data storage medium made up 54 percent of all identity theft-related data breaches in the second half of 2006. Theft of proprietary information is the third and fourth greatest sources of financial losses reports the 2006 CSI/FBI Computer Crime and Security Survey.

As easily as our identities can be stolen, just as easily can our enemies obtain substantial details to our operations from lost USB drives and laptops. To protect yourself from these common unintentional mishaps, use a password on your USB drive and laptops. Delete old e-mails, and unwanted files from all portable devices.

Intentional misuse or unintentional loss of government equipment can be costly or punishable by law. Know the rules and abide by them. Practicing good COMPUSEC by avoiding blocked sites and using passwords to protect government equipment, will protect you from unwanted consequences.



Airman 1st Class Christina Espinosa, 62nd Mission Support Group, logs into the Air Force Portal while working on her computer recently. Proper security practices mitigate the number of severity and threats to the system.



Legal seeking more staff

By
Senior Master Sgt. Robert Jarrett
62nd Airlift Wing
Legal Office superintendent

Are you interested in a career change but still want to stay in the Air Force? Are you looking for a job that offers the opportunity for independence and a sense of accomplishment at the end of each day? If this sounds like you, and you are either a first term airman, a staff sergeant, or a senior master sergeant, now might be the right time to look into retraining as an Air Force paralegal.

The Air Force enlisted legal career field has been in existence since May 1, 1955, and continues to play a very prominent role in The Judge Advocate Generals Corp. TJAGC's primary mission is to provide legal counsel to commanders,

first sergeants, and other key personnel on a broad spectrum of legal and quasi-legal matters. The paralegal's role is to assist the attorney in achieving that mission.

Consequently, paralegals support virtually all areas of the legal office, including military justice, claims, civil law, legal assistance, contracts and environmental law. Within these divisions, paralegals conduct legal research, interview victims and witnesses and draft opinions and documents. They also support investigations of serious incidents such as aircraft accidents. Paralegals are playing vital roles in supporting the Global War on Terror by working with the Detainee Commissions and in restoring the rule of law in Iraq.

Senior paralegals — superintendents and managers — exercise their management skills to ensure


these missions are accomplished. This key element of TJAGC performs the same type of tasks expected of any senior noncommissioned officer in the Air Force, such as managing the office budget and manpower, training and retraining paralegals into the career field, establishing training programs and organizing staff assistance visits.

To ensure paralegals are qualified to support the legal mission, TJAGC provides on-the-job and classroom training. Both the six week long Paralegal Apprentice Course and the seven week long Paralegal Craftsman Course are held at the Air Force Judge Advocate General School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. Upon award of the Craftsman skill level, paralegals have the opportunity to attend attorney-level specialized courses such as operational, envi-

ronmental and contract law and the federal income tax course. Additionally, paralegals are often invited to attend courses at the Naval Justice Center in Rhode Island and the Army Judge Advocate General School in Virginia.

To be eligible to retrain into the paralegal career field, nominees must type a minimum of 25 words per minute, have a minimum general AQE score of 51 and have no derogatory information in their records.

If you are interested in a challenging career change into a job that offers the opportunity for independence, personal growth and a sense of accomplishment, this may be the job for you. To find out more information, contact the Law Office Superintendent, Senior Master Sgt. Bob Jarrett, at 982-6580.



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The medical standard is one drink for women or two drinks for men if a daily drinker.

For periodic drinking, the standard is to keep the blood alcohol level or blood alcohol content under 0.05.

Use personal risk management
Use situational awareness
Use your wingman
Use a friend


0 Drinks under age 21

0 DUI's

Max 1 drink per hour

Max 3 drinks in one night

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE



AROUND THE WORLD



Courtesy photo

SATHER AIR BASE, Iraq — Capt. Andrew Stewart, 62nd Aerial Port Squadron, shoots a M-4 at the range.



Courtesy photo

SATHER AIR BASE, Iraq — Members of the 62nd Aerial Port Squadron help set up a new bladder farm by positioning a liner in a newly constructed berm.



Operation Deep Freeze main season underway

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii — Air operations in support of the 52nd Operation Deep Freeze main season are underway.

A C-17 Globemaster III from the 62nd Airlift Wing, at McChord completed three missions this past week from Christchurch, New Zealand, kicking off the 2007 to 2008 season for the 13th Air Force-led Joint Task Force Support Forces Antarctica, Operation Deep Freeze.

Since Oct. 2 (New Zealand time), 283 passengers and 106,299 pounds of cargo have been flown to McMurdo Station, Antarctica, which serves as the logistical hub for much of the U.S. and Antarctic program.

During the winter fly-in season, Aug. 20 to 25, a McChord C-17 and crew flew a total of 355 passengers and 119,953 pounds of cargo to and from McMurdo Station to prepare for the arrival of the main body population of scientist and support staff.

Ski-equipped LC-130 Hercules aircraft, crews and support personnel from the New York Air National Guard's 109th Airlift Wing will begin deploying to McMurdo Station in mid-October. The LC-130s will transport passengers and cargo from McMurdo Station to other research posts throughout Antarctica.

Operation Deep Freeze is a unique joint and total-force mission that has supported the National Science Foundation and U.S. Antarctic Program that began in 1955. The start of the season was heralded Sept. 28 in a ceremony at Christchurch.

Lt. Gen. Loyd S. "Chip" Utterback, the 13th Air Force commander, attended along with the U.S. Ambassador to New Zealand William McCormick, Christchurch Mayor Garry Moore, National Science Foundation officials and others. Members of the 1958 New Zealand Trans-Antarctic Expedition to the South Pole also participated.

Operation Deep Freeze involves active-duty and Reserve C-17 support from McChord, New York, Air National Guard LC-130s, and other aircraft as necessary to support the mission; one U.S. Military Sealift Command tanker, one MSC-chartered cargo ship, and the U.S. Navy Cargo Handling Battalion One to provide critical port services at McMurdo Station. All deployed forces are scheduled to return to home station in March 2008.

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“Our generation’s war on terror will not end quickly ... Pundits be damned, these young men and women get it — they know this won’t be over soon. But their resolve is great, and understand this nation’s pivotal role in the global effort.”

Col. James Weber

blockade of access to West Berlin in the summer of 1948 (a mere 37 months after the “end” of hostilities in Europe). The Berlin Airlift was born that month and would last until May of 1949.

Likewise, on the 2nd of September, 1945, the need for our military support in the Far East didn’t end in Tokyo Bay on the U.S.S. Missouri. Instead, our forces were remarshalled and sent to far-flung outposts in places like French Indo-China (now Vietnam) to oversee the surrender of Japanese forces, as they also did in New Guinea, Borneo, Sumatra, Manchuria, Korea, Thailand — the list goes on, and not to mention the occupation of Japan itself.

For our allies, it was even more difficult. No sooner had Japanese forces been neutralized and repatriated from their postings, than the realities of the new world order set in for them. Great Britain soon found itself embroiled in a counterinsurgency in Malaysia, likewise the Dutch in the East Indies and the French in Indo-China. The European colonizers were faced with an upsurge in nationalism that would culminate in our involvement in Vietnam throughout the 1960s and into the 1970s. Point of fact, WWII did not really end until the capitulation and ultimate demise of the Soviet Union that started at the end of the 1980s. From Pearl Harbor to the crumbling of the Berlin Wall took nearly five decades.

Then there was Korea— my dad’s war. That started in 1950 just months after the Berlin Airlift ended. For the next three years the horror of war gripped the Korean Peninsula, with the United Nations, led and bolstered mainly by forces from the United States, finally beat the North Korean and Chinese aggressors back to a tenuous truce line. That’s right, a truce line. It’s been nearly six decades, and the war in Korea has yet to end.

So where am I going with all this? My point here is to illustrate that wars, especially those of a complex, ideologically driven nature, don’t end quickly and rarely with the signing of a piece of paper. They can take literally decades and require great patience and a force of national will. Our generation’s war on terror will not end quickly. The first group of high school grads from 2002 (those young men and women who patriotically took that first opportunity to join after 9/11) reached the end of their military commitments last year. The newest batch took an even greater challenge and mustered even greater courage by joining after this became a two-front war in Afghanistan and Iraq. They know full well the likelihood of being placed in harm’s way is exponentially greater, yet they stoically took their place among those of who have chosen to stay for the very same reasons. Pundits be damned, these young men and women get it— they know this won’t be over soon. But their resolve is great, and they understand this nation’s pivotal role in the global effort.

Now it’s time for us to prepare as a nation for our greatest challenge yet, and the realization we are together in this for the long haul. Fortiter et audacter— the unmatched strength of will and unbridled military boldness of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen— will take us there.

On a roll with AFSO 21

By
J.M. Simpson
For The Northwest Airlifter

Master Sgt. Randolph Marks, 62nd Maintenance Squadron, walks the talk of lean practices.

"We took it upon ourselves to look for better ways to do things better and faster — to do more with less," said Sergeant Marks, section chief of the 62nd MXS' Wheel and Tire Shop. "And the rest of the Air Force is catching up to us."

Empowered by the Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century program, the shop is the sole supplier of C-17 Globemaster III wheel and tire assemblies for aircraft here. In 2005, the efforts of Sergeant Marks and his Airmen resulted in the shop garnering the Air Force Best Practices and Chief of Staff Team Excellence Awards.

The reason for the change began when it became apparent that the methods used to change the wheels and tires on the C-17 could not keep up with the mission requirements, he said.

Prior to 2002, the process of building up and breaking down tires was 100 percent backbreaking, manual labor.

To clean the wheel, Airmen had to lift the 160-pound halves four feet in order to put them in a jet washer. Once cleaned, the wheels were manually removed, placed onto a trailer and taken to another shop on base for non-destructive inspection.

With the inspection finished, the wheels were put back on the trailer and returned to the wheel and tire shop where everything was reassembled. During an average shift, an Airman would lift 30 wheel halves manually six times, resulting in more than 14 tons of lifting per Airman, per day.

That changed with the introduction of

AFSO 21 practices, he said.

"And with supportive leadership, we are now the kings of the Air Force when it comes to the work we do," said Sergeant Marks with a small smile. "We're all about working smarter, not harder."

That's no idle boast. The innovations McChord's Airmen in the shop have implemented have resulted in impressive numbers that have streamlined aircraft operations in meeting the demands of the Global War on Terror, Sergeant Marks said.

The AFSO 21 practices have produced stellar results.

Innovations in how the shop is physically configured have resulted in reducing the turn time for wheel and tire assemblies from approximately seven hours to less than two-and-a-half hours, a 67 percent reduction in labor time, he said.

"The torque procedure ... the process

used to tighten down the bolts on the wheel ... used to take two of us and a fair amount of time to complete," said Senior Airman Michael Naramore, 62nd MXS, as he took a hold of a computerized wheel assembly torquing system and moved it to a tire, centered it over one of 18 bolts, squeezed a trigger and let the pneumatic drill do the work. "I can complete this part of the process in less than 30 seconds."

With a state-of-the-art system to improve the shop's process, the 62nd MXS team's savings in time have resulted in a reduction of over 530 man-hours per year and a 100 percent reduction in back injuries, Sergeant Marks said.

"We train other shops on how to do the mission smarter," he said. "And not only do we help other units, we also have worked with commercial airlines in showing them how to streamline their wheel and tire process — smarter not harder is catching on."

Photos by J.M. Simpson



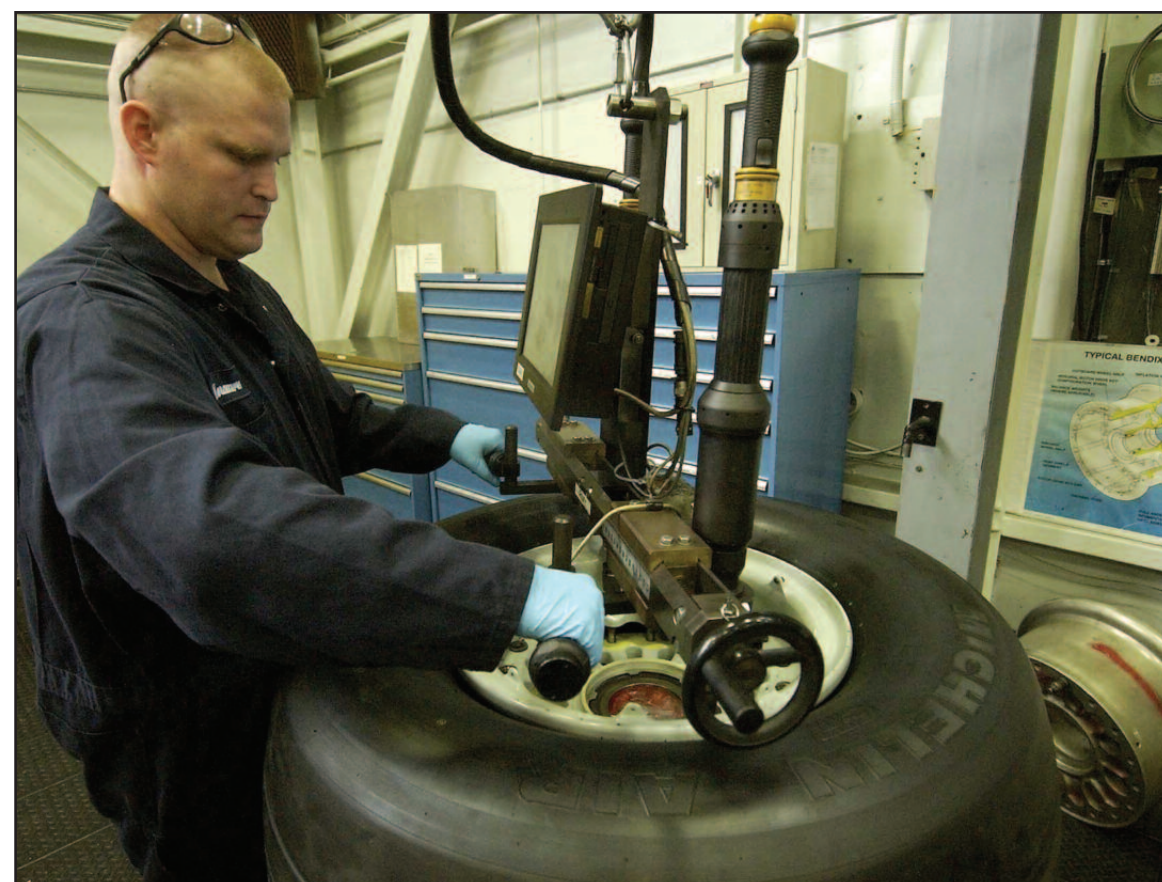
(Above) Senior Airman Joshua Witt, 62nd Maintenance Squadron, prepares to repack wheel bearings.



(Right) Master Sgt. Randolph Marks, 62nd MXS, inspects a tire to maintain the wheel and tire shop's high standards of quality work.



Utilizing a hydraulic lift, Senior Airman Michael Naramore, 62nd Maintenance Squadron, puts a wheel from a C-17 Globemaster III into a washer for cleaning.



Using a wheel assembly torquing system, Airman Naramore tightens the 18 bolts holding the wheel and tire together.



Airman Naramore breaks the bead of a tire.

Falcons back on winning track, 31-14

By

Wayne Amann

U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Air Force capitalized on long touchdown runs by Chad Hall and Shaun Carney to beat the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, 31-14, sending the Oct. 6 Falcon Stadium crowd of 35,583 home happy. Bluesuiter head coach Troy Calhoun was not among them.

Despite the win, which snapped a two game losing skid and improved Air Force to 4-2 overall and 3-1 in the Mountain West Conference, the first year Falcon boss was not a happy camper.

“I’m not going to trade in a 17-point win,” Calhoun told reporters. “But, overall, I’m not pleased with the way we played tonight. We’ve got to grow up as a football team. In that first half we didn’t do much that was firm or decisive. We didn’t move with a whole lot of swift-ness. If we play again like we did in that first half, we’re going to have someone’s cleats on our chest.”

UNLV (2-4, 1-1 MWC) marched on the Air Force defense for nearly 12 and one-half minutes in the second quarter. The one-sided time-of-possession produced a touchdown on the last play of the first half when Rebel quar-terback Travis Dixon ran in from two yards out to knot matters, 7-7 at halftime.

Falcon tailback Chad Smith scored on a 1-yard plunge with just 26 seconds left in the first quarter to open the scoring.

UNLV moved the ball at will in the first half, and would have taken the lead if not for an inspired goal line stand by the Air Force defense in the second quarter.

On a fourth-and-goal from the Falcon one-yard line, Rebel running back Frank Summers summer-salted toward the goal line. He was met at the height of his flip by senior line-



Photo by Dave Armer

Air Force cornerback Garrett Rybak, 39, and two teammates close in on UNLV wide receiver Ryan Wolfe during the Falcons 31-14 win over UNLV Oct. 6 at Falcon Stadium. Rybak posted four tackles in the game.

backer John Rabold and sophomore nose guard Ben Garland. Their stop ended a 16-play, 79-yard drive that took 8:35 off the clock.

“Everyone was plugging gaps,” said Garland, who made seven tackles in his first career start. “We played tentative for most of the first half. But, on the goal line the linemen tried to get under as low as we could so the other guys could make the play.”

For Rabold, the stop highlighted his team-and career-high 12 tackle, two-sack performance.

“I was on the tight end on the back side of the play,” Rabold said. “The tight end knifed down and I slanted across when I saw the guy jump. (Garland) got a piece of him and I knocked him out of the end zone. I just reacted.”

The goal line stand was one of three fourth-down stops by the Falcon defense.

The Air Force offense, meanwhile, converted quickly on two key third quarter possessions.

On the opening drive of the second half, senior Chad Hall took a pitch and raced 52-yards down the left sideline to cap a five-play, 80-yard drive in just 2:10 to give the Falcons a 14-7 lead.

“I got two key blocks,” said Hall of the long TD, who ran for a game- and career-high 169 yards on 18 carries. “Mike Moffett cracked the safety and our fullback took care of the corner. Our offensive line was push, push, push all night, so give them a lot of credit.”

Hall’s 169 yards were the most gained by a Falcon since Keith Boyea rushed for 188 yards against Colorado State in 2001 and the most by an Air Force running back since fullback Jason Jones ran for 188 yards against Notre Dame in 1991.

Carney, meanwhile, netted 73 yards on the ground, 71 came on a touchdown burst up the middle, on a third and two play. It was the eventual game winner.

“That long touchdown run gave us a lot of confidence and momentum,” he said. “We stepped up and made plays when we had to.”

The senior quarterback also completed 9-of-14 passes for 123 yards, to move within seven yards of the Falcons all-time career passing mark of 4,789 set by Dave Ziebart in 1979.

After a 4-yard touchdown run by Summers brought UNLV within seven in the fourth quarter, junior kicker Ryan Harrison added a 28-yard field goal and Hall an 8-yard TD run as insurance to round out the scoring.

UNLV out-gained Air Force 471 to 432 in total offense and held a 34:39 to 25:21 time of possession advantage over the Falcons.

“We don’t make a lot of big plays so those (the Hall and Carney TD runs) were sparks and no doubt equalizers for us,” Calhoun said given the time of possession disparity.

“Defensively, it’s inexcusable not to be able get off the field. If you wear those bolts on the side of your helmet, you do it with the gumption, pride, savvy and determination that’s Air Force football.”



Volleyball: Falcons fall to San Diego

SAN DIEGO — U.S. Air Force Academy senior Kim Kallabis accounted for three service aces, but the Air Force volleyball team dropped a straight-set match to San Diego State in Mountain West Conference action Oct. 4 in San Diego.

The Falcons fell in three straight sets, 30-13, 30-16 and 30-17.

San Diego State struck first in the initial game, but Air Force quickly responded and took the early lead off of a service ace by freshman Caroline Kurtz. The Aztecs responded with four straight points, but the Falcons responded to pull the score to within one, when sophomore Michelle Harrington tallied the squad’s first kill of the night. SDSU cemented their lead following a 14-2 run. Sophomore Katie Batchelder and

junior Kristina Stewart added kills, but Air Force fell to San Diego State in the first set by a 30-13 margin.

Batchelder posted a kill in the opening play of the second game, but Air Force found itself in an early 8-1 hole. Batchelder added another kill and Kallabis recorded an ace, but San Diego State had doubled the Air Force by a 16-8 advantage. Stilwell added another kill, as did classmate Julia Hansen. Harrington produced back-to-back points for the Falcons, behind a kill and an assisted block with Batchelder, but the Falcons ultimately fell 30-16 to the Aztecs. Air Force kept the third game within one behind a block from Harrington and Stewart. The Aztecs took a four-point lead, but Hansen added another kill. San Diego State continued to improve its

lead, pulling out to a nine-point lead, before Hansen added another pair of kills. Air Force continued to add kills, backed by three from Batchelder and two from Stewart. Kallabis collected a pair of back-to-back service aces, but Air Force dropped the final match by a 30-17 score.

Kallabis, who had a team-leading 18 assists, tied for the match lead with three service aces. Batchelder led the team with eight kills, while Stewart and Hansen added totals of five and four, respectively. Senior Rebecca Gerton collected six digs, while Harrington tallied a team-best two assisted blocks.

Air Force next travels to Las Vegas for a Mountain West Conference match-up with UNLV Oct. 6.



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332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq — To keep troops off the road is an important consideration in the war on terrorism. One way to keep more troops off the road is with airdrop operations.

Recently, Airmen from the 777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron used two C-130 Hercules aircraft to drop 31 Container Delivery System bundles over a location in Southwest Iraq, providing needed supplies to Iraqi border training teams supported by the Army's 82nd Sustainment Battalion. The supplies dropped included ice, tires, concertina wire and food.

"The purpose of an airdrop is to keep convoys off the roads, the traditional way the Army delivers supplies," said Capt. Brad Moore, a C-130 pilot deployed from the 463rd Airlift Group at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. "An airdrop also decreases the number of ground personnel needed to secure an airfield. It's safer for the Army and it's safer for us to deliver this way."

When the aircrews get advance notice for a drop, they spend their time planning the route and personnel needed, taking into consideration



Photo by Sgt. Jasmine Chopra

Tech. Sgt. Justin Cooks loads a pallet of supplies onto a C-130 Hercules at Balad Air Base, Iraq, for an air drop mission to Army ground troops at a forward-deployed location in Southwest Iraq. Sergeant Cooks is a loadmaster with the 777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron.

all possible limiting factors, as well as coordinating with all support agencies that factor into the mission.

"We've been doing missions like this for the last 50 years, and planning is our key to success," said Capt. Shannon Vinson, one of the mission's navigators.

On hand to assist the loadmas-

ters with the cargo preparation were Army quartermasters from the 600th Quartermaster Detachment. The Soldiers placed the cargo into proper drop containers and set up the parachute riggings. After that, the loadmasters ensured the load was balanced and weighted correctly on the plane.

"We train every day for this type of mission, and it was exciting to get the chance to come out here for a mission," said Tech. Sgt. Brian Huffmeyer, a 777th EAS loadmaster.

The two flight navigators analyzed winds and other factors in the drop zone to determine the release point for the load.

The mission began after the supplies were placed in the two aircraft. The two then took off in a formation, one flying after the other, to the drop zone.

"The formation provides mutual support for the aircraft," Captain Vinson said. "One aircraft can see possible trouble and alert the other."

Once over the drop zone, the aircrews lowered the rear cargo doors and the loadmasters deployed the cargo loads.

"At that point, pilots put complete trust in our loadmasters in the back of the plane to make sure everything exits the aircraft safely," said Capt. Jennifer Fuller, a 777th EAS pilot.

With mission successfully completed, the crew turned around and returned to Balad.

"It was incredible," said Captain Moore. "This mission was very rewarding after all the training we do. It was a great feeling to actually get out there."



Free military hiring event

There will be a free military hiring event for veterans, personnel transitioning from active duty, Reserves, Guard and military spouses presented by RecruitMilitary, the President's National Hire Veterans Committee and the American Legion from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center.

SNCO induction dinner

There will be a senior non-commissioned officer induction dinner at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 19 at the McChord Clubs and Community Center's Northwest Connection Ball-room. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. Semi-formal and mess dress attire. R.S.V.P. to your squadron point of contact by Thursday.

Awareness luncheon

There will be a domestic violence awareness luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 24 at the McChord Clubs and Com-

munity Center. Lunch is buffet including deli meats, seasonal fruit, salad, cookies and brownies and a selection of beverages. The cost is \$12.10 for Club members, \$14.10 for non-Club members. The featured speaker for the event is Mr. Lane Judson. For more information and to register, call 982-9038 or 982-9043.

Halloween haunted forest

There will be a haunted forest at the intersection of Lincoln and Outer Drive from Oct. 26 to 31. The forest will run from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Oct. 26 and 27, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Oct. 29 and 30, and starting at 7 p.m. Oct. 31. There will be a kid-friendly version the first hour of every night. The cost for the event is \$3, children age five and under are free. For more information, call Airman 1st Class Brandon Hartline at 982-2482.

Holiday portraits event

McChord's annual holiday portraits event will be from

3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 1 at the Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746. Singles, families and domestic pets are welcome. The portraits are done on a first come, first served basis no sign-up required and includes two free 5x7 photos and a CD. For more information call 982-2695.

Retiree appreciation day

McChord's annual retiree appreciation day and health fair will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m Nov. 24 at the McChord Club. The event will feature a health fair offering a wide range of medical and health services including flu shots, blood pressure checks, a bone density test, and nutrition and fitness classes. Resources permitting, there will be a tour of a C-17 Globemaster III and door prizes awarded throughout the morning. All retirees, spouses, and survivors are encouraged to attend. For more information, call the Retiree Activities Office at 982-3214.

Faith and Worship Programs

For more information, call the chapel support center at 982-5556.

The following chapel program takes place at the base chapel support center, Bldg. 746, unless otherwise noted:

Adult Bible study is from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays.



Schedule of worship services

Catholic Services:

All Catholic services are in chapel two.

Saturday: 4 p.m. Confession

5 p.m. Mass

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Mass

11 a.m. Mass

Protestant Services:

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Liturgical worship: Chapel one

9:45 a.m. Sunday school for all ages at the

chapel support center

11 a.m. Traditional worship: Chapel one

11 a.m. Contemporary service: Chapel support center

Jewish Services:

Friday: 6 p.m. Fort Lewis chapel every 1st, 3rd and 5th at the corner of 12th Street and Liggett Avenue 967-6590

Orthodox Activities:

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy, St. Nicholas Church, 15th Street and Yakima Avenue, Tacoma

Other services:

Orthodox Christian Community, Cascade Chapel, Fort Lewis

Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Pre-Communion prayers

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Confession is by appointment only. Call Father John Anderson at 967-1717 or 906-6843 or e-mail father.anderson@us.army.mil.

Names to Note

The following individuals scored a 90 percent or better on their career development course exams recently.

- Airman 1st Class Shane Wassink, 4th Airlift Squadron
- Staff Sgt. Paul Larson, 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
- Staff Sgt. Joshua Patterson, 62nd AMXS

- Airman 1st Class Johan Armendariz, 62nd Civil Engineer Squadron
- Airman 1st Class William Carter, 62nd CES
- Airman 1st Class Matthew Robinette, 62nd Maintenance Squadron
- Staff Sgt. Sarah Alarcon, 62nd Services Squadron
- Staff Sgt. Herbert Dungca, 62nd SVS

